GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:40
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
EXPEDITIOUS ISSUE OF PASSPORTS
Khanna Shri Avinash Rai

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian citizens are being deported from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number of Indians deported from foreign countries during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the passports of such Indians are being impounded by the foreign governments;

(d) if so, the number of applications of such deported persons pending on account of non-availability of NOC from the Ministry of External Affairs;

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy for issuing these passports expeditiously; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The number of Indian citizens deported from foreign countries is given in the attached statement.

(c) The Government of India has not come across any report of impounding of Indian passports by foreign governments.

(d),(e) & (f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.40 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2005 REGARDING `EXPEDITIOUS ISSUE OF PASSPORTS`.

Table showing number of Indian nationals deported from foreign countries

(From 1999 - 2004)

Year	Number of deportees
1999	1864
2000	2214
2001	3010
2002	3762
2003	5214
2004	5423